

Johnson Wax Corporation Building
1525 Howe Street
Racine
Racine County
Wisconsin

HABS No. WI-284

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Wisconsin	COUNTY Racine	TOWN OR VICINITY Racine
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Johnson Wax Corporation Building		HABS NO. WI-284
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1525 Howe Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1936-1939	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Frank Lloyd Wright	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Corporate complex, noted example of Wright's commercial design.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick, concrete		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Administration Building -- 2 stories, rectangular with rounded corners, flat roof, ribbon windows of glass tubing		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Open interior space, skylights, balcony around sides, unusual mushroom-shaped columns		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1947 -- research addition, one story base and eight story tower, floors cantilevered from central core, unbroken bands of windows		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places; <u>Public Buildings</u> , F. L. Wright, Martin Pawley, New York: Simon & Schuster, 1970.; <u>The Architecture of Wisconsin</u> , R. W.E. Perrin, Madison: State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1967.		
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